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COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAMS FEATURED IN VIDEO SUCCESS STORY

FREDERICK, MD – The <u>National Association of Counties</u> (NACo) last week released 11 short videos featuring successful implementation of energy projects by counties around the United States, including Frederick County, Maryland. The videos were filmed at a NACo-sponsored Energy Forum earlier this year. View the videos online at: http://www.youtube.com/user/NACoVideo#grid/user/70AE4221EF1A9CC1.

Frederick County's five-minute video, which includes interviews with Commissioner David Gray of the Frederick Board of County Commissioners and Sustainability Manager Hilari Varnadore, highlights the savings attributed to energy conservation at county government. The video points to the savings households can achieve through participation in the recently launched Power Saver component of the <u>Frederick County Green</u> Homes Challenge and Certification Program.

Sustainability Manager Hilari Varnadore said, "We hope that this video will reach our residents and encourage them to join the Power Saver Challenge. Frederick County government is saving money every day due to energy conservation measures put in place over the past five years. Every household in the county can do the same by implementing low and no cost projects outlined in the Power Saver Handbook."

In 2009, Frederick County was awarded \$659,800 to implement programs in energy and green building from the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. County staff participated in a panel at NACo's Energy Forum where the Green Homes Challenge was highlighted as a national best practice in community energy outreach.

The Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources advances practical solutions for protecting the environment, conserving energy and living sustainably in Frederick County. Learn more about the Green Homes Challenge and the county's sustainability programs at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Sustainability or www.SustainableFrederickCounty.org.